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"A Gathering of Global Human Rights Leaders"

Montreal, 31 May - On 3rd of June, the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Concordia University, in partnership with Amnestie Internationale, the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, and the Canadian International Council, will convene some of the world's top human rights leaders and thinkers. The themes to be discussed are the global fight against mass atrocities, human rights in China, the killing of *Washington Post* journalist Jamal Khashoggi, political prisoners, and Canadian foreign policy.

The following speakers will be in attendance: **General-Lt. Romeo Dallaire**, **Adama Dieng** (Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide), **Jennifer Welsh** (former Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General on the Responsibility to Protect), **Yang Xianli** (survivor of the Tiananmen Square Massacre), **Rebiya Kadeer** (spiritual leader of the Uyghurs), Ambassador **Jeremy Kinsman**, **Michael J. Abramowitz** (President of Freedom House), **Omar Abdulaziz** (Saudi dissident and activist), **Kareem Shaheen** (former Turkey and Middle East correspondent for *The Guardian* newspaper), **Shaparak Shajarizadeh** (Iranian human rights activist), **Christopher Hernandez-Roy** (Senior Political Advisor to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States), **Jared Mathew Genser** (founder of Freedom Now), **Irwin Cotler** (chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights), **Rob Oliphant** (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs), and **Felix Nkongho** (founder and chairman of the Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa).

When: 9:00 - 17:00, June 3rd, 2019
Where: De Seve Cinema, J.W McConnell Bldg, Concordia University
1400 Maisonneuve Blvd West, Monreal, QC

#RightsCity is a global initiative to celebrate and discuss human rights worldwide. #RightsCity brings together inspiring human rights leaders in order to gain insights into pressing human

rights issues. This year's gathering seeks to re-energize the international human rights community in a time of great upheaval.

More information:
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